

Site Visit to (b) (6) Orchard

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We visited the Orchard on 08/14/15 where there are approximately 25 types of trees planted. (b) (6) was concerned with the orange stained ditch (Animas Consolidated) behind the orchard that feeds into his flood type irrigation system. It is a PVC pipe that is about 30 feet long, and is the only watering source for the trees. Upon inspection, there was only a tiny amount of orange sediment found settled in the head of the PVC piping. (b) (6) had concerns regarding being able to water his trees with the water from his ditch. He has requested a recommendation from the EPA on mitigation if any is warranted as well as assurance the water is safe. OSC recommendation is to have an EPA toxicologist explain the sediment/water results with the owner and let him know we feel it's safe to open his head gate and start watering.





